

CRASH OF AIRLINER KILLS ALL 36 ABOARD

Rev. J. B. Needham Claimed by Death At Roseburg Home



Rev. J. B. Needham, 76, (above), retired Methodist minister, died yesterday, Aug. 29, at his home on S. Jackson Street, after a lingering illness. He was born July 24, 1872, in Surry Co., North Carolina. He studied for the ministry at Duke University and was graduated in July, 1898. In October, 1898, he joined the Pacific Conference in California. He was married to Maud Sheets in 1900 in Wheatland, Calif. He was minister of the Methodist Church in Wheatland at that time and also served different churches in California, Washington and Oregon. He was pastor of the Roseburg Church from 1921 to 1925. He served with the Y.M.C.A. during World War I. He retired from the ministry in North Carolina in 1935, moving then to Wheatland until 1941, when he came to Roseburg to make his home on S. Jackson Street. He was a member of the Masonic Laurel Lodge No. 13, past patron of the Eastern Star of Wheatland, and a retired minister of the Western North Carolina Conference. Surviving are his wife, Maud, Roseburg; two daughters, Mrs. Nina Cox, San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. Marian Cobb, Roseburg; and three granddaughters; also a number of nieces and nephews in North Carolina. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Roseburg Funeral Home Tuesday, August 31, at 2 p. m., with Rev. R. A. Freeman officiating. The body will lie in state Monday evening until Tuesday noon. It will be taken to the Roseburg Funeral Home to Marysville, Calif., for entombment in Sierra View Mausoleum.

The Weather

Scattered late showers today and Tuesday.

Sunset today 7:52 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:36 a.m.

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Spy Apparatus Head Yields No Information

'J. Peters' Cites U. S. Constitution in Balk At Probers' Questions

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Whittaker Chambers today identified J. Peters, "mystery witness," as "director of an underground spy apparatus" operating in the federal government beginning in 1934.

The identification came after Peters had declined to answer questions of a House Un-American Activities subcommittee on his alleged Communist affiliations.

Chambers, admitted former Communist who now is a senior editor of Time Magazine, previously had testified in Washington that Peters headed a communist underground in this country.

Peters cited the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution in his refusals to answer the key questions put to him.

One question asked by Robert E. Stripling, chief investigator for the House committee, was: "Did you serve as the representative of the communist party international of the communist party?"

Peters replied: "I decline to answer under the fifth and first amendments and on the ground that an answer might tend to incriminate and degrade me."

Six Aliases Used
Peters, 54, testified he was born in Czechoslovakia in territory which was part of Hungary before the First World War. He said he first entered this country at New York in 1924 and was not a citizen although he had applied for citizenship papers.

Chambers said then that it was Peters who first introduced him to Alger Hiss, a high State Department official accused by Chambers of being a member of a communist "elite group" in the government.

Peters was arrested on an immigration service deportation warrant last Oct. 8, and charged

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Part of Highway Project in South Douglas Opened

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Part of the \$1,686,000 Pacific Highway improvement project in Douglas and Josephine Counties was opened today, and the rest will be opened in two weeks, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said today.

The project is the Johns-Mack-In-Gulch job, and it is 14.4 miles long. It eliminates the worst section of the Pacific Highway in Oregon, cutting straight through the mountains.

Slightly more than half of the project was opened today. This section is from the north end of the job to a point below Stage Coach Pass.

The scheduled completion date had been November 1, but the contractor was able to finish it 14 months early.

The new road contains an extra lane on hills for trucks and other slow moving vehicles, to prevent motorists from getting stalled behind trucks on the hills. Baldock said it would be the commission's policy to build such extra lanes for trucks on hills where the traffic justifies it.

New School Buildings No. 1 Project, View

Roseburg's school building program looms as the most important civic project in the opinion of 91 Chamber of Commerce members who have returned answers to questionnaires sent out to 449 members, a compilation from the local chamber office reveals.

Listed next in importance in the order of the membership preference were street improvement, street lighting, swim pool, dress rooms, storm sewers, city hall expansion and airport improvement. A large majority favored bond issues over direct tax levies as the method of raising the funds.

Of the 91 answers, 71 were in favor of a school building program, 60 by a bond issue and 11 by a direct tax levy. Sixty-eight persons favor a street improvement program, 51 showing a preference for a bond issue and 17 the direct tax method. The same number 68, were in favor of street lighting, 38 favoring a bond issue and 30 favoring a direct tax levy.

Swim Pool Ranks Next
The swim pool dress rooms came next, with 66 of the 91 in favor of the project, 43 by a bond issue and 23 by a direct tax levy.

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Ex-Premier Schuman Tries to Form Cabinet

PARIS, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Robert Schuman, out of office as French premier for 32 days, said today he would try to form a new cabinet.

"But, the Alsatian said as he left President Auriol's palace shortly after midnight, 'I have adopted the same attitude as M. Ramadier. I am going to examine the situation first.'"

Ramadier, Schuman's predecessor as premier, spent all Sunday checking over his chances to form a new cabinet. He admitted at midnight he had been unable to convince either himself or French political leaders he was the man of the hour.

France has been without a government since early Saturday when Premier Andre Marie resigned as a result of Socialist disagreement with wage and price moves planned by his finance minister, Paul Reynaud.

Husband of Slain Woman Commits Suicide

BUTE, Mont., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Police Officer John O'Leary said Donald Finley, 39, a miner, killed himself late last night as officers, seeking to question him in the gun death of his estranged wife, closed in on him near the Leaky Roof Tavern, south of here.

Police Chief Bart J. Riley said Finley and his wife, also 39, whom he met through a "lonely hearts club" and married nine years ago, had been separated about a month. Their three daughters were held in protective custody after Mrs. Finley's body was found.

Riley said Finley filed an insanity complaint against his wife. After she was examined and released, she filed suit for divorce.

DRUNKEN DRIVER FINED
Cleophas Wolfe, 1402 S. E. Long street, Portland, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunk driving in municipal court today, and was fined \$100, with the alternative of 30 days in the city jail, and his driver's license was suspended for one year, reported Judge Ira B. Riddle.

Registration Started For National Draft

Veteran of World War 2 First Man to Sign Up At Roseburg Headquarters

This is R-Day—registration day—and the first step in the nation's plan to build up the armed forces with a peacetime draft. In the Roseburg Armory this morning, more than 50 young men, many of them veterans with combat records, were in line at 9 o'clock to register with the Douglas County Selective Service Board.

As the men waited, arrangements for the registration procedure were being set-up in the Armory lounge by John L. Saunders, chairman of Douglas County Selective Service Board No. 14. He was assisted by Mrs. Margaret V. Kiefer, who was employed for 44 years by the original county draft board during the recent war.

First man to register was H. J. Schlueter of Roseburg, who served five years in the infantry and is a combat veteran of the European Theater of Operations. He was asked, "You never expected to be signing up for the draft again?" and he replied, "No, I guess not."

Clarence K. Rand, administrative officer of the Umpqua National Forest, was sworn in as a special registrar to get the registrations of lookouts and other men of draft age employed by the forest, who will be unable to come to Roseburg to register.

Mrs. Kiefer was assisted in the draft registration this morning by Roy O. Young, one of three members of the Douglas County Selective Service Board. Also giving assistance was E. G. Erickson, operator of the roller skating concession at the Armory.

Only Fraction to Be Needed

Throughout the nation, beginning today and continuing through Sept. 18, an estimated 91 million men 18 through 25 years old will go to their registration

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Barrage of Tomatoes, Eggs Greets Wallace

BURLINGTON, N. C., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Henry Wallace, Progressive Party presidential nominee, was struck by eggs and tomatoes as he sought to deliver a speech on Burlington's main street today.

Wallace, standing before a crowd of 2,500, had just uttered the words: "I'd like to take this opportunity—" when the shower of eggs and tomatoes fell about him. The crowd booed lustily.

Surrounded by police, Wallace stepped into his waiting automobile, in which two Negro women sat, and left for Greensboro.

Child's Thigh Broken When Struck by Auto

Sue Coleman, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Coleman, visiting here from Chippewa Falls, Wis., is in Mercy Hospital suffering injuries sustained when she was struck by a car at Wilbur Sunday afternoon.

Unofficial reports state that the driver of the car was Carl Meadows of Oakland. The little girl is said to have run directly into the path of the car, although a companion attempted to hold her back.

The girl was taken by Roseburg Ambulance Company to the hospital. She is said to have sustained a compound fracture of the right femur.



MOTORCYCLE COLLISION—This photograph taken shortly after midnight Saturday portrays graphically the results of an accident in which Dale L. Roof, 24, Yoncalla, was seriously injured. Roof, now in Mercy hospital, was rider of the motorcycle which collided head-on with the car at the left of the picture, operated by John C. Kookan. The third car, driven by Charles E. Brown, which Roof was attempting to pass, according to City Police reports, was thrown into the ditch. The motorcycle and Kookan's car were badly damaged. The third car received lesser damage.

N. Korea Regime Threatens to Wipe Out South Govt.

SEOUL, Monday, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The Russian puppet regime in North Korea, in a broadcast intercepted by the U. S. Army and made public today, threatened "to destroy" the elected government in American-occupied South Korea.

The broadcast from Pyongyang, headquarters of the Soviet occupation zone, was the first picked up since an election in North Korea Aug. 25 for a supreme peoples council.

It heaped abuse on the Korean republic in South Korea, which was an outgrowth of United Nations-observed elections in the U. S. occupation zone May 10, and then said without elaboration:

"We have elected our representatives to the supreme peoples' council to destroy these treacherous traitors. Each of our election cards will turn into bullets to destroy the puppet government of South Korea when the central government of Korea is established."

Earlier, the U. S. Army announced that a survey showed 24 political slayings in South Korea during August.

Police Chief Halts Crowd Enraged by Youth's Arrest

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Police Chief Woodrow Conklin turned aside a street dance crowd threatening to mob the jail early yesterday morning after the arrest of a youth at the dance.

After the noisy demonstration protesting mistreatment of the young man by two police officers, Chief Conklin explained the youth was taken into custody at the request of a brother.

The crowd had witnessed the arrest. It climaxed a prolonged wrestling match in which the police finally handcuffed the youth.

MARKET ROBBED

The Yoncalla Meat Market was entered some time Thursday night, when robbers broke a corner out of the door, reached in and unlocked the door. A large quantity of cured meats, some canned goods on the counter, and some money was taken.

Three-Vehicle Crash Sends D. L. Roof, Motorcyclist, To Hospital, Severely Injured

Dale L. Roof, 24, Yoncalla, is in Mercy Hospital with injuries reported to be of a very serious nature, as the result of an accident in which the motorcycle he was riding collided head-on with a second car on North Stephens at Park Street, about 1:40 a.m. Sunday. A third car was involved in the accident, according to City and State police reports.

Repeal of Draft Law Demanded by Pickets

LOWELL, Mass., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Pickets appeared outside selective service headquarters here today demanding repeal of the draft law.

The pickets identified themselves as members of the Young Progressives of America, an affiliate of the Progressive Party.

They carried placards and distributed pamphlets attacking the draft law.

One pamphlet read in part: "Truman Tours, Inc. announces free trips abroad. All expenses paid, including Bethlehem bays, Goodyear gas masks, du Pont grenades, hospitalization, knotty pine coffins, dignified white crosses and gold stars for mothers. See the world through a gun sight."

Paul Whiteman's Son Gun Accident Victim

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Paul Whiteman, Jr., 24, received a superficial chest wound yesterday when a revolver accidentally discharged while he was cleaning it at the farm of his father, Band Leader Paul Whiteman, State Trooper Russell Perrine reported.

The accident took place at Whiteman's Rosemont Farm in rural Hunterdon County near here, Perrine said.

Train-Auto Crash Kills College President, Wife

FLORENCE, Ala., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Dr. J. A. Keller, 60, president of Florence State Teachers College, and Mrs. Keller were killed in a collision of an automobile and a train at Tusculum, Ala., last night.

Hurricane Roars Toward Carolinas

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Hurricane warnings were ordered hoisted from Wilmington, N. C., to Cape Hatteras early today as a violent tropical hurricane surged toward the mainland with winds up to 125 miles an hour.

Northeast storm warnings were ordered aloft north of Hatteras to the Virginia Capes and northwest storm warnings south to Wilmington to Charleston, S.C.

The full fury of the raging giant twister—which now covers an area 300 miles in diameter—was expected to reach the North Carolina coast by nightfall.

Residents along the North Carolina coastline were warned that gale winds would be sweeping in from the sea by late afternoon, and that the center of the hurricane would come screaming inland by night.

Hurricane hunter aircraft probing the storm in the early morning hours reported it was moving in a northward course at about 10 to 12 miles an hour.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenstata

At the congress of 'intellectuals' in Poland last week, Russian highbrows and their stooges made much of what they termed the decadence of American culture and low standards of American intelligence. The y were mum, however, on American brains that produced the atomic bomb—and are still improving on it.

Craft Struck By Lightning, Witnesses Say

Tragedy Occurs Above Mississippi River Bluff Near City in Wisconsin

WINONA, Minn., Aug. 30.—(AP)—A human chain will wind its way down the steep and rocky sides of a 150-foot ravine today to bring out the mangled bodies of 26 persons trapped in the wrecked fuselage of a Northwest Airlines plane.

The bodies of 10 others were carried out last night. The 36 persons died as the storm-raked airliner crashed atop a wooded Mississippi river bluff near here late yesterday and toppled into the ravine. None were from the Pacific Northwest.

The crash occurred between Winona and Fountain City, Wis., on the Wisconsin side of the river during the height of a severe electrical and rain storm.

The plane was one of the airlines' newer Martin 2-2 ships and was bound for Minneapolis from Chicago with 33 passengers and three crew members.

NWA's Twin Cities headquarters said its last message from the plane was received at 5:39 and read, "an descending through heavy overcast." The plane then was at 7,000 feet and in the vicinity of La Crosse, Wis., about 30 miles from the crash scene.

Lightning Hits Plane
A crash witness told the coroner he saw the plane fall into the ravine on Sutters Ridge after lightning shattered a wing. A NWA pilot who was among the first to reach the crash scene said he thought the ship had been struck by lightning.

Howard Backow, a farmer living on Perry Island in the Mississippi river, told the coroner he was getting some stock out of the

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Johnson Leading Coke Stevenson In Texas Runoff

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Rep. Lyndon Johnson held a lead of 460 votes today over former governor Coke Stevenson in the state Democratic runoff for the U. S. Senate.

With a total 981,352 votes counted, the Texas election bureau at 10 a. m., the count was 490,906 for Johnson; 490,466 for Stevenson.

The count was from 253 of the state's 254 counties, 190 complete. Johnson, 40-year-old congressman, went into the lead from Saturday's election last night after trailing for more than 24 hours in the bureau's unofficial count.

Both candidates are seeking the senate post of W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel, who did not run for reelection.

In Texas the Democratic nomination is tantamount to victory in the November general election. Texas may not know for sure who the Democratic nominee will be until after the state convention certifies the official returns Sept. 14 at Fort Worth.

State law puts the duty of determining the official winner on the convention.

It is the closest major race in Texas' long political history. Asked if he would accept the unofficial count if he loses, Stevenson replied: "No sirree, boss."

Stevenson has not lost a race in more than a quarter of a century in politics.

Weather Bureau Staff, Office Hours Reduced

Due to increased operational costs, the U. S. Weather Bureau office in Roseburg will be closed between the hours of 10 p. m. and 6 a. m. daily and the office staff cut from five to three persons, it was reported today by Thomas A. Hill, official in charge of the local office.

Hill said the cut in operations has affected Weather Bureau offices in several parts of the country. In Oregon, the Bend office has been closed altogether. Persons dropped from the local staff will not be transferred elsewhere, he said.

Russia Frees American Soldier After 60 Hours

VIENNA, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Pfc. Marvin Ayers of Los Angeles has been returned to American authorities after 60 hours in Russian custody. It was learned today. Ayers was handed over at Linz yesterday. He was arrested Wednesday after crossing into the Russian zone in an Austrian taxi.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS THIS is written, our American, British and French representatives have an appointment to meet Molotov at the Kremlin for what "informants" (who, as you know, are insiders who can't let their names be disclosed) say may be the CRUCIAL session in negotiations on the German crisis.

These "informants" have been saying so far the chances for some sort of agreement are "fair." The dispatches say they have upped their estimates to "good."

IF THERE is an agreement of some kind, it will mean that Russia wants to wait. WHY will she want to wait (if she does)? It's a fair guess that the atom bomb has something to do with it.

MEANWHILE—Communists AGAIN storm the Berlin city hall and BREAK UP a meeting of the ELECTED anti-communist city council while

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Voter Registration Deadline Cited by County Clerk, List Of Precinct Registrars Given

Deadline for persons not already registered to become eligible to vote in the general election Nov. 2, will be Oct. 2, which is 30 days prior to the election date, reports County Clerk Roy Agee.

The only registration requirements are that voters be 21 years of age and a resident of the State of Oregon six months, he said. Persons who will not meet these age or residence requirements until Oct. 2, but prior to Nov. 2, may register in advance between Sept. 2 and Oct. 2 said Agee.

Since the primary election, new registrations have come in very slowly. There were 17,000 registered voters in Douglas County for the primary election, which represented an approximate 5,000 increase over the previous general election. Since that date only about 200 more have been added to the list.

All persons who have changed their place of residence from one part of the state to another or who have moved out of the voting precinct in which they are

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DRAFT REGISTRATION BEGINS—About 50 men of the 25-year age group were at the Roseburg Armory this morning to register for the draft. At the desk in the foreground is H. J. Schlueter of Roseburg registering with Mrs. Margaret V. Kiefer. At the far desk, to the right, is W. R. Campbell registering with Roy O. Young. Standing at the left is E. G. Erickson, who assisted with setting up the registration procedure today.